

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner	: Joseph M. Rocca		
Docket No.	: 095309.55776US		
Customer No.	: 23911		
Title	: Force-Transmission Element		

REPLY

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

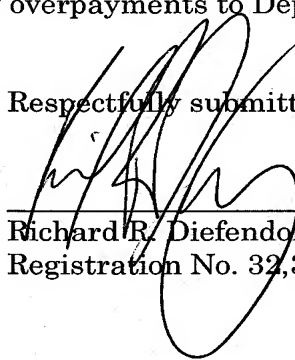
In response to the requirement set forth in the Office Action dated May 1, 2008, the species identified by the Examiner as species I, shown in Figures 1a-1c, is elected for examination. Claims 19-31, 37, and 38, added by the preliminary amendment filed January 5, 2005, are considered readable on the elected species. Claims 1-18 cited by the Examiner in the Office Action Summary were canceled by way of the preliminary amendment.

If there are any questions regarding this reply or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #095309.55776US).

Respectfully submitted,

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